GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware that Dhubri town of Assam had been suffering from communication bott- leneck since the closure of the then railways line and the then river route connecting Kolkata via East Bengal now Bangladesh;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have received repre- sentations from the associations/public representatives for extension, diversion, frequency, introduction of an inter-city chair car train between Dhubri and Guwahati for improving railway services in Assam; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/being taken to improve the railway connectivity in the Assam region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c) Dhubri is the terminal station of the Faki- ragram-Dhubri branch line section with Fakiragram located on the New Jalpaiguri-Guwahati Main Line. Dhubri station is presently being served by 2 pairs of trains namely 15817/15818 Dhubri-Silghat Town Rajya Rani Express (Tri-weekly) & 55609/55610 Dhubri-Faki- ragram Passenger (Daily). Representations, including from Hon'ble Member of Parliament, have been received, inter alia, for introduction of trains from Dhubri. However, lack of necessary infrastructural facilities for originating/terminating trains at Dhubri and preva- lence of "One Train Only" system on the Golakganj-Dhubri stretch of the Fakiragram-Dhubri section precludes intro- duction of additional train services from Dhubri.